

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims into the application. A marked-up version with additions underlined and deletions in brackets is appears at Appendix A.

4. (Amended three times) An adjustable pipe wrench, comprising:

a slide bar having a gripping portion;

an upper jaw mounted pivotally to the slide bar and a spring mounted between the upper jaw and the slide bar;

a lower jaw, slidably mounted on the slide bar, said lower jaw having a lower portion extending toward the gripping portion; and

a brake lever, pivotally mounted on a portion of the lower jaw and spring-biased against said lower jaw wherein a portion of the lever extends longitudinally, and substantially the same length toward the gripping portion as the lower portion extends longitudinally toward the gripping portion, and wherein a user may adjust a position of the lower jaw on the slide bar by actuating said lever and moving said lower jaw relative to said slide bar.

16. (Amended three times) An adjustable hand clamp, comprising:

a slide bar having a gripping portion;

an upper jaw mounted pivotally to the slide bar and a spring mounted between the upper jaw and the slide bar;

a lower jaw, slidably mounted on the slide bar, said lower jaw having a first portion on a first side of the slide bar extending toward the upper jaw and a second portion on a second side of the slide bar extending in an opposite direction toward the gripping portion; and

a brake lever, pivotally mounted on one of said portions of the lower jaw and spring-biased against said second portion of the lower jaw, wherein a portion of the lever extends longitudinally, and substantially the same length toward the gripping portion as the second portion extends longitudinally toward the gripping portion, and wherein a user adjusts a position of the lower jaw on the slide, by repositioning the lower jaw with a thumb.